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**Cc:** Olsson, Daniel; Seivert, Paul; Knight, Thomas  
**Subject:** Re: WA 198 - USS Lead, Urban Enterprise Academy

Good Morning Tim and Tom,

Any updates, please?

thanks.

Pankaj

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Mr. Drexler and Mr. Alcamo,

I am a new Contract Specialist working on the SulTRAC contract, and was included on the below email from Mr. Geers. After reviewing the email from Mr. Geers, I have the following questions:

1. Is the Urban Enterprise Academy ("the Academy") part of Operable Unit 1 (OU1)?
2. Is the Academy included within the Record of Decision (ROD)?
3. Is there a Consent Decree involved? And, if so, is the Academy included within such a decree?
4. Is sampling required at the Academy?

Thank you very much for any information you can provide. This will help me prepare if any action is required of our office.

Very respectfully,

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Tim,

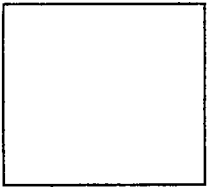
Based on conversations with Rik Lantz today and as a follow-up to discussions between the two of you, we understand that EPA would like to sample the Urban Enterprise Academy, a school property that is just outside the boundaries of OU1. It makes perfect sense, aerial contamination and contaminated backfill have no reason to stop at Chicago Avenue. However, we have concerns about performing this work under our existing work assignment for WA 198, because the scope of work for the project says: "The purpose of this work assignment is to prepare a remedial design (RD) for the residential portion, operable unit (OU1), of the U.S. Smelter and Lead Superfund (USS Lead) site." The ROD for the site defines OU1 as "a predominantly residential area located in the southern portion of the City of East Chicago, north of the former USS Lead industrial facility (see Figure 1)." Figure 1 (attached) shows OU1 ending at Chicago Avenue.

A new work assignment (WA 308) has been created for the USS Lead site, but the SOW for WA 308 also specifies that the purpose of the WA is to prepare remedial design for OU1.

We are ready, willing, and able to sample the property, but would like concurrence from EPA that this work can be conducted under either work assignment. We will hold off on sampling this area until we hear a response from you on the appropriate path forward.

Thanks,  
Dean

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